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In re application of:

Gregory S. Hageman et al.

Application No.: 09/183,972

Filed: October 29, 1998

For: THERAPEUTICS AND
DIAGNOSTICS FOR OCULAR
ABNORMALITIES

Examiner: S. Turner

Art Unit: 1647

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 27, 2000, please enter and consider the following.

REMARKS

Claims 1-32 are pending in the present application. The Examiner has requested that Applicants elect one group under 35 U.S.C. §121 as follows:

- I. Claims 1-3 and 14-17, drawn to nucleic acids and kit, classified in Class 536; Subclass 23.1;
- II. Claims 4-13, drawn to polypeptides, classified in Class 530; Subclass 300;